

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Newport News, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

April 7, 2017 to April 28, 2017

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The Virginia CZM Program seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority owns the Lassiter Courts Apartments, located at 811 Taylor Avenue in Newport News, and is applying to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Rental Assistance Demonstration Program. Through this program the property would be able to utilize project-based rental assistance. The proposed undertaking will preserve the existing multifamily residential complex's townhouse structures and provide necessary renovation activities. In addition, plans call for the demolition of the existing community center structure and construction of a new community center structure on the property. The apartment complex property contains 100 residential dwelling units that are situated on 23.99 acres of land. Southeastern portions of the property consist of undeveloped wooded and grassland. The project does not include impacts to wetlands or subaqueous lands. According to the federal consistency determination, the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia CZM Program to the maximum extent practicable.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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